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Key Messages

- General inflation reduced to 8.57 percent in January (from 8.71 percent in December 2022), mainly due to a reduction in food inflation which declined to 7.76 percent. Non-food inflation also decreased slightly to 9.84 percent in this month.
- The national average price of LPG for cooking went further up by BDT 142 in January 2023 after having increased by BDT 46 per 12 kg cylinder in December 2022.
- In the domestic retail markets, month-on-month base prices of protein sources (fish, egg and chicken), fruits, onion and garlic increased marginally, while prices of cereals (rice, wheat), oils (palm, soybean), potatoes, red lentils and some fresh vegetables reduced slightly.
- Total import of food grain during the ongoing Fiscal Year up to January 2023 was around 19 percent lower than the same month last year, and total food grains distributed among the poor households through the Public Food Distribution System (PFDS) was 10 percent lower year-on-year (Ministry of Food).
- The cost of a typical food basket (national) in January 2023 (BDT 2,239) moved up by BDT 40 with an increase in prices of some essential food items. In Cox's Bazar, food basket costs in January 2023 remained 15.8 percent higher year-on-year, putting a strain on a household's purchasing capacities.

The war in Ukraine and Global Markets – Impact on Bangladesh:

The year 2022 was very critical having record high food prices along with other costs of living, which had made it more difficult particularly for the poor people, who could just manage to survive after the preceding two pandemic years. World food prices gained more than 14 per cent in 2022 compared to the previous year in face of increased costs of production and transport, and supply chain disruption. A surge in the costs of most food commodities last year was enforced by the war in Ukraine raising concerns of food shortages to the highest level on record (FAO). Bangladesh is a net importer of the majority of its food grain, fuel and fertilizer from Russia and Ukraine.

Wheat prices slightly eased in January 2023 for the first time since April 2022 due to the impact of the war in Ukraine. However, retail prices of energy and power showed the opposite picture during this month. The government increased the electricity price by 5 percent at the retail level,

after the price was hiked by 20 percent at the producers' end in December 2022¹. The retail price of gas was also raised by 14.5 percent to 178.9 percent for industries, power plants and commercial establishments, which together account for 78 percent of gas use in the country². The prices of fuel and fertilizer did not show any remarkable reduction. The government has planned to put an additional subsidy budget on fuel, fertiliser, and food in the fiscal year 2022/23, almost three times on top of the actual allocation for these sectors³.

As many as 345 million people face starvation worldwide, an increase of almost 200 million people compared to pre-pandemic levels, 50 million of them are suffering from acute malnutrition⁴. In Bangladesh, WFP's mVAM survey in January 2023 showed that 22 percent of the low-income households were food insecure. 53 percent of the sample households had to adopt livelihood-based coping strategies, 68 percent reported the rise in food prices as their deepest concern⁵.

¹ <https://www.thedailystar.net/environment/natural-resources/energy/news/retail-power-price-hiked-again-just-3-weeks-3235606>

² <https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/big-hike-gas-prices-power-plants-industry-3224751>

³ <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/subsidy-pressure-triples-tk16-lakh-crore-imports-remain-costly-549838>

⁴ https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000140700/download/?_ga=2.152544634.2124978535.1667979215-1721782964.1650790822

⁵ <https://www.wfp.org/publications/wfp-bangladesh-mobile-vulnerability-analysis-and-mapping-mvam-reports>

Global food Indices

The FAO Food Price Index (FFPI)⁶, which measures the monthly changes in international prices of a basket of food commodities, averaged 131.2 points in January 2023, slightly down (by 0.8 percent) from December 2022. With this latest decline, the index has fallen 18 percent from the peak it reached in March 2022. The decline was mainly on the back of a steep drop in the international prices of vegetable oils, dairy and sugar, while those of cereals and meat remained largely stable. The Index was 3.3 percent lower year-on-year, but 28 percent higher as compared to pre-pandemic time on January 2020. The International Grains Council's (IGC) Grains and Oilseeds Index (GOI)⁷ – a measure of changes in major export quotations for a basket of commodities worldwide – averaged 307 points in January 2023, slightly lower than the previous month, but 4 percent higher than the same period last year.

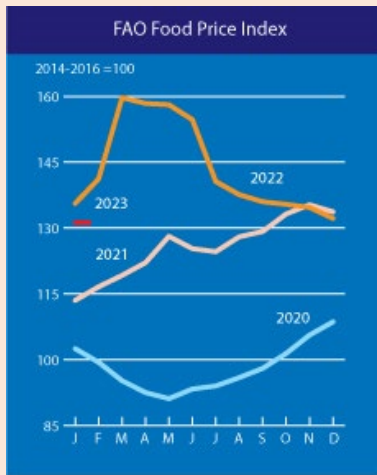


Figure 1: FAO Food Price Index (FFPI)

FAO Cereal Price Index went stable at 147.4 points in January 2023. International prices of wheat went down, whereas those of rice went up offsetting the impact on the cereal index. However, the index was still 4.8 percent higher year-on-year. Prices of vegetable oils decreased by 3 percent as compared to last month, and fell as high as 24.5 percent year-on-year. Prices of sugar and dairy products also followed a decreasing trend in the current month in the international markets. The stable pattern in the FFPI in January 2023 was driven by increased global supply, and larger production, coupled with downward export in Australia and the Russian Federation.

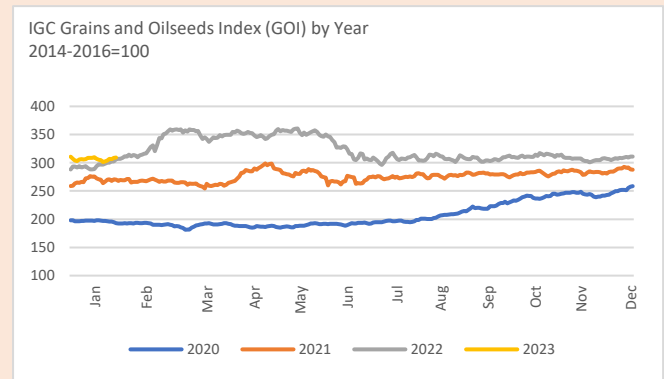


Figure 2: International Grains Council Grains and Oilseeds Index (GOI)

Bangladesh Economy:

The inflation rate continued to move downward in January 2023 with easing food prices in the national and international markets. General inflation reduced to 8.57 percent in January (from 8.71 percent in December 2022), mainly due to a reduction in food inflation which declined to 7.76 percent (from 7.91 percent in December 2022). Non-food inflation also declined slightly to 9.84 percent this month from 9.96 percent in the previous month. A similar downward trend was observed in both urban and rural inflation, though non-food inflation in rural areas was much higher than in urban⁸. The year-on-year increase in the annual general inflation was as high as 46 percent in January 2023.

In January 2023, the dollar price for all kinds of exports has been increased by BDT 1⁹. The country's foreign exchange reserves declined by 4.2 percent to USD 32.3 billion from USD 33.7 billion in the previous month¹⁰. Exports performed were slightly down as well in this month, dropping by 5.5 percent compared to December 2022 reaching USD 5.1 billion in January 2023¹¹. Remittance inflow rose to a five-month high in January 2023 as the banks have been putting efforts to mobilise dollars from abroad to tackle the stress in the foreign exchange market¹². The inflow was up by 15 percent from the previous month and 14.9 percent from a year earlier.

Bangladesh Seasonality:

The average precipitation coverage in January 2023 was observed at 4.2 mm, about 26 percent lower than the 20 years average rainfall this month. This ongoing *Rabi* season is the cultivation period of winter vegetables, pulses, and mustard along with *Boro* rice, which mostly requires irrigation.

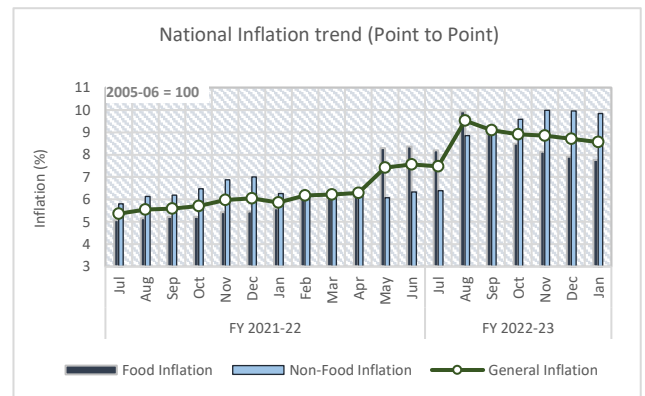


Figure 3: Inflation trend

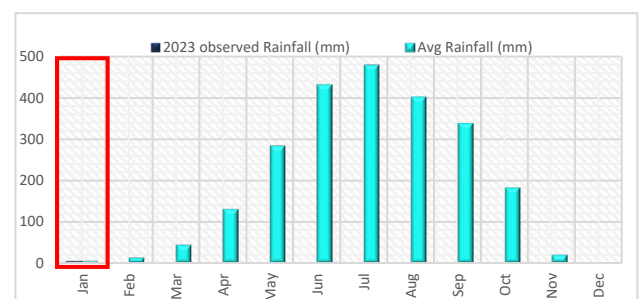


Figure 4: January 2023 rainfall vs 20-year average rainfall

⁶ <https://www.fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex/en/>

⁷ <https://www.jgc.int/markets/marketinfo-go.aspx>

⁸ http://bbs.portal.gov.bd/sites/default/files/files/bbs.portal.gov.bd/page/9ead9eb1_91ac_4998_a1a3_a5ca44dc4c6/2022-11-09-07-45-01eed5861f770a24ec3c889301e81.pdf

⁹ <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banks-raise-dollar-price-export-earnings-578162>

¹⁰ <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/remittance-flow-hits-five-month-high-3236411>

¹¹ http://epb.gov.bd/site/view/epb_export_data/

¹² <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/remittance-flow-hits-five-month-high-3236411>

National Price Trends for Key Commodities¹³:



Rice:

- The national average retail prices of coarse rice in domestic markets followed a stable pattern and hit BDT 47.3 per kg in January 2023. The national average price was 11 percent higher year on year, and 61 percent higher as compared to pre-COVID time (January 2020).

- Divisional prices of coarse rice mostly declined except for Dhaka.
- In Cox's Bazar, retail price of the BR 29 (non-boiled) variety was stable at BDT 54 per kg in January 2023.
- Despite satisfactory production and internal public procurement of *Aman* rice, average retail prices of rice did not ease much, primarily in anticipation of rising costs for production inputs and post-harvest processing.



Wheat Flour:

- National average prices of wheat flour started to ease in the domestic markets in January 2023, for the first time since April 2022. Farmers were inspired to have brought about 2 percent more areas under wheat cultivation in the ongoing season¹⁴.

- Wheat flour price averaged BDT 68.1 per Kg in January 2023, slightly lower than December 2022 price (BDT 68.4).
- The average price of wheat flour this month was however, 66.6 percent higher year on year, and 106 percent higher than pre-COVID time (January 2020).
- Prices in Cox's Bazar retail markets followed a similar trend this month, with a 2.4 percent decline.



Vegetable oil:

- National average prices of Palm oil continued to reduce in January 2023 and hit BDT 123 per litre, 1.5 percent down month on month. The price was 8 percent lower year on year, but 55.6 percent higher as compared to pre-COVID (January 2020).

- Soybean Oil prices also moved down slightly this month to BDT 172.3 per litre. The prices remained 17.8 percent higher than in the same period last year (January 2022).
- In Cox's Bazar retail markets, both Palm Oil and soybean oil prices were reduced by 1.5 and 2.4 percent respectively. Palm oil prices reached BDT 123.2 per litre, and Soybean oil prices hit BDT 184.2 per litre this month.
- The retail prices of edible oil have been adjusted in the domestic markets on the back of a decreasing trend in international prices and increased import facilities.

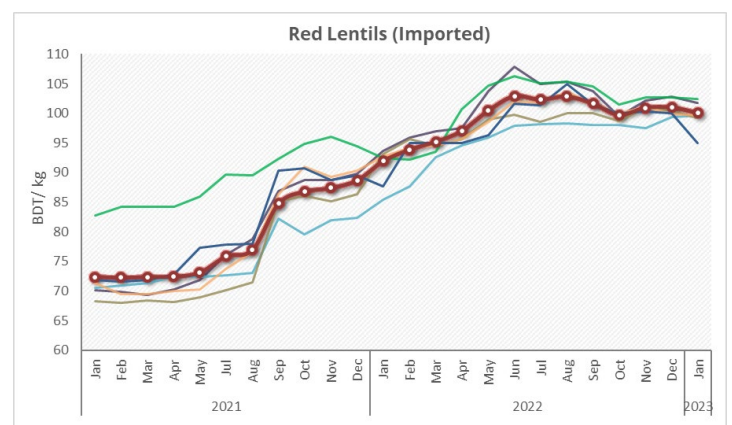
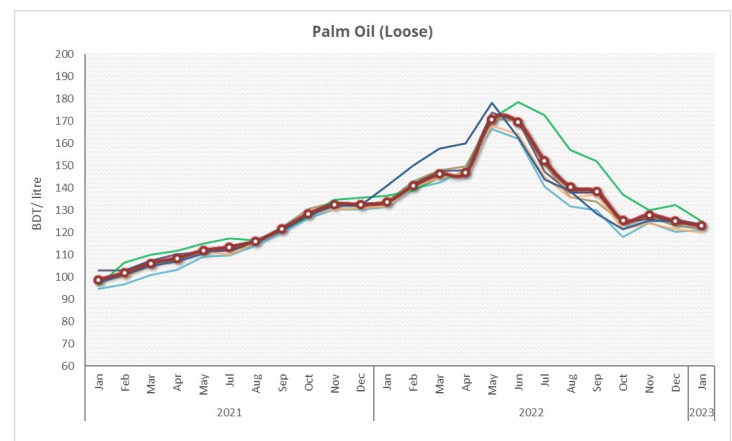
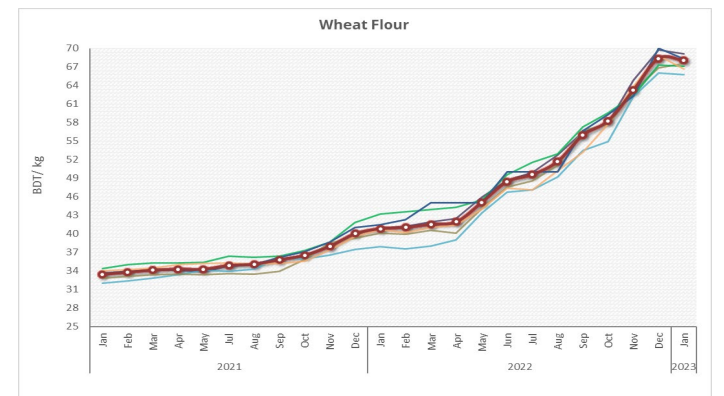


Red lentils:

- The national average retail price of imported red lentils reduced slightly by 1 percent hitting BDT 100 per kg in January 2023; the price was 9 percent higher year-on-year and 49 percent higher compared to pre-COVID price in January 2020.

- A similar downward trend was observed across Cox's Bazar retail markets, with red lentils prices reduced by 5 percent month-on-month, yet 8.4 percent higher year-on-year, hitting BDT 100 per kg.
- Imports meet as much as 80 percent of the country's total red lentil requirements. The government has imposed control over excessive market prices by fixing prices of essential food commodities in the country following the world market.

— Dhaka — Rajshahi — Khulna — Sylhet — Rangpur — Cox's Bazar — National Overall



*Barisal and Chattogram trend lines are not shown in the graph as prices are similar to Khulna and Cox's Bazar accordingly

Figure 5-8. National monthly retail market price* trends

¹³ Divisional price data Source- Department of Agricultural Marketing- <http://www.dam.gov.bd/>

¹⁴ <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/wheat-acreage-expands-record-prices-3227061>

Price Trend of other commodities (national and sub-national)



Poultry, Meat, and Eggs: National average retail prices of broiler chicken and eggs increased in January 2023 compared to the previous month. In Cox's Bazar retail markets, broiler chicken prices raised by 3.4 percent month-on-month, whereas prices were 8.3 percent lower as compared to last year. The prices of egg also increased by 11 percent compared to the previous month and were 25 percent higher year-on-year. Retail prices of beef with bones were BDT 680-700 per kg in January 2023 in Cox's Bazar markets.



Fresh Foods and Other Commodities: In January 2023, the national average prices of onion were slightly reduced, but those of green chilli increased by as high as 106 percent in the retail markets. Garlic prices also increased by 18.8 percent. These prices in Cox's Bazar went up with onion by 6.5 percent, green chilli by 102 percent, and garlic by 33 percent. Retail prices of some fresh vegetables in Cox's Bazar further declined this month. Tomato, cucumber, and carrot prices went down significantly, by BDT 10-20 per kg, and that of bottle gourd and potatoes down by BDT 5 as compared to the previous month. Prices of

leafy vegetables showed a stable pattern this month in Cox's retail markets.

In Cox's Bazar, prices of cabbage, cauliflower and pumpkin went stable, and brinjal prices increased by BDT 7 per kg compared to the previous month. Prices of fresh fruits had a similar pattern. According to traders, a good harvest during this season has brought ease in prices.

Sugar and salt prices were unchanged, selling at BDT 114 and BDT 40 per kg, respectively. Some non-food items like washing and toiletries faced an increase of 4 to 6 percent in January 2023.



Fuel and Gas: In January 2023, the national average price of LPG for cooking further increased by 11 percent and hit BDT 1,439 per 12 kg cylinder (gas-only price). LPG prices in Cox's Bazar also increased slightly in the retail market. The overall national price for LPG for cooking went up by BDT 142 in January after having increased by BDT 46 per 12 kg cylinder in December 2022. The government had to adjust the prices considering the increase in import contract prices in the international markets.

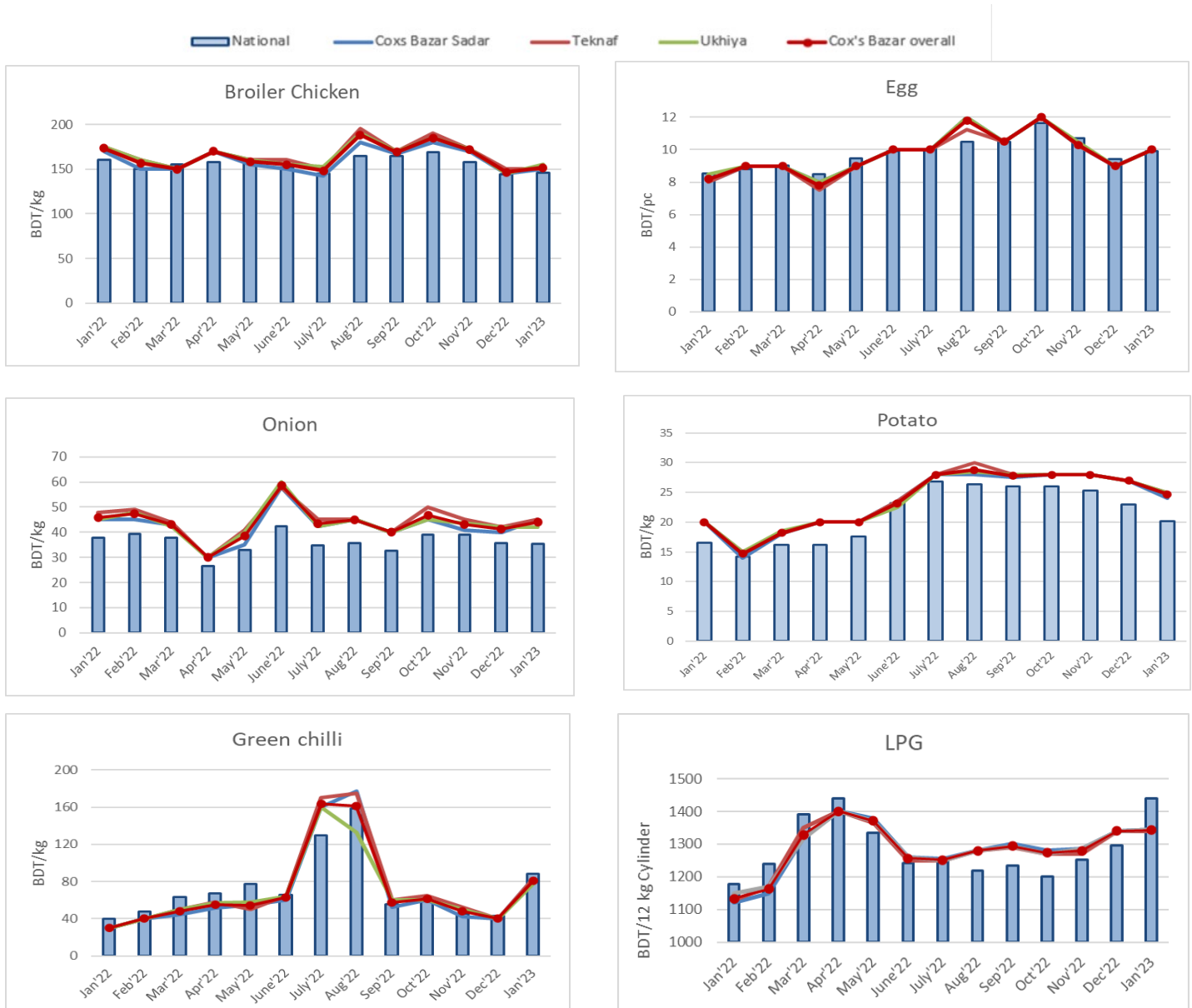


Figure 9-14. Monthly retail market price trends; National vs Cox's Bazar

National level Stock and Import situation of food grains

National food grain stock in January 2023 stood at 1.97 million mt, of which rice was 1.59 million mt and wheat was 0.38 million mt¹⁵. The food grain stock was 6.5 percent higher than the previous month, and as much as 33 percent higher than in the same period last year (1.48 million mt in January 2022). Public food stock is a vital factor for food price stabilization and the public food distribution system (PFDS). To maintain a healthy stock in the current fiscal year (2022-23), the government has set up a comprehensive procurement plan from both internal and external sources. However, the PFDS for the ongoing FY up to January 2023 was 10 percent lower than the same period last year.

Total food grain import during the ongoing FY 2022-23 up to January 2023 was about 2.4 million mt, one-third of which was wheat. The total import of food grain during this period was 19 percent lower year-on-year (Ministry of Food). Due to the ongoing global economic crisis and depletion of the national forex reserve; instability in the production and supply chain globally, the government has been facing challenges in imports.

Cost of the food basket and Terms of trade (ToT) at the National level

In January 2023, the cost of a typical food basket¹⁶ moved up by BDT 40 and hit BDT 2,239 per person per month, with an increase in prices of protein sources (some fish, egg and chicken), fruits, green chilli and garlic. However, prices of cereals (rice, wheat), oils (palm, soybean), potatoes, onion, red lentils and some fresh vegetables were reduced marginally. The food basket cost in January 2023 was higher by BDT 235 (11.7 percent) year-on-year.

The Terms of Trade (ToT)¹⁷ of an agricultural day labourer's wage indicates the quantity of essential food items the household can buy with their daily income. Since rice is the staple food and constitutes the major share of household food expenditures, rice purchasing capacity is an important indicator of the ToT. The national-level wage data was collected from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) up to November 2022. In November 2022, the daily wage for typical labour was worth buying about 11 kg of coarse rice based on a day's average wage of BDT 531¹⁸. The ToT was 4 percent higher than the previous month on the back of easing food inflation this month. However, the rice purchasing power in November 2022 was 1.5 percent lower year-on-year (11.3 kg in November 2021). The lower rice purchasing power of agricultural day labour reflects instability in the market prices of basic food commodities that do not comply with the income of the wage earners, thus a threat to their food security.

Food	Minimum requirement Per person per Month (g)
Coarse Rice	7200
Wheat	900
Potato	1500
Pulses and Legumes	900
Leafy vegetables	4500
Vegetables	9000
Fruits	3000
Fish/ meat/ poultry	3000
Egg	1800
Milk	4500
Sugar	150
Cooking Oil	450
Spices	600

Table 1: Composition of national food basket adopted from the dietary guideline developed through a joint effort of the relevant Ministries and UN agencies

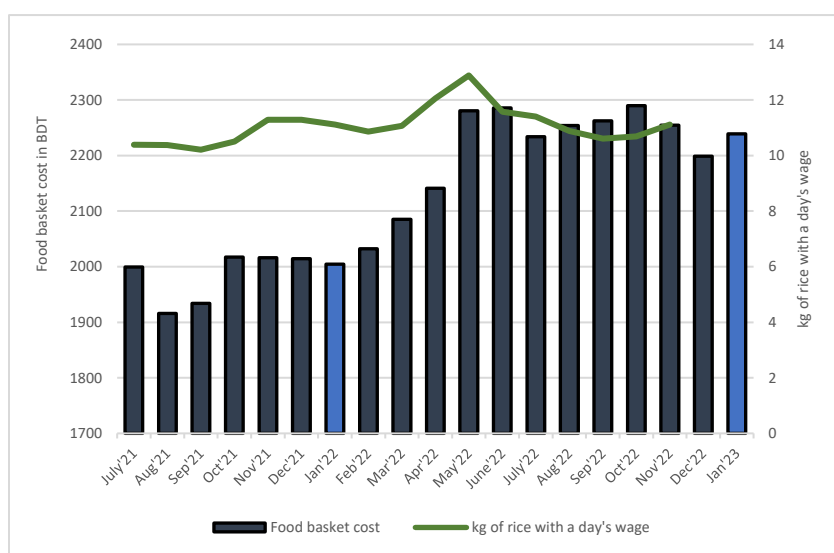


Figure 15: National level Cost of food basket (per person per month) and rice purchasing power

¹⁵ Ministry of Food: <http://fpmu.gov.bd/agridrupal/sites/default/files/DailyReport-261022.pdf>

¹⁶ Adopted from the National Dietary Guidelines for Bangladesh 2020, developed through a joint effort of the MoHFW, MoF, BIRDEM, NNS, IPHN, with technical support from the FAO, WHO and other stakeholders. The national food basket has been developed considering the minimum quantity of healthy and nutritious diet required for an adult person per day. Cost of the food basket was calculated per person per month at the national level. Market prices of the food items have been collected from the DAM

¹⁷ Terms of trade (ToT) is a proxy indicator for purchasing power

¹⁸ The rate of wage labourers varies between BDT 400-600 according to the BBS data, on an average of BDT 509 per day for the agricultural wage labourers. The rate is triangulated with every month's rice price to understand the rice purchasing power of the consumers

Cost of the food basket and terms of trade (ToT) in Cox's Bazar

In January 2023, the cost of a typical food basket in Ukhiya¹⁹ showed relatively stable pattern. Prices of basic essential food commodities such as cereals, oils, lentils, potatoes, fresh fruits, and vegetables decreased this month. However, the prices of poultry, eggs, onion, garlic, green chilli, and a few vegetables (brinjal) went up which counterbalanced the overall impact on the food basket. The food basket cost in January 2023 remained 15.8 percent higher year on year, and 16.2 percent higher compared to two years earlier (in January 2021).

In January 2023, the daily wage for a typical labour in the Ukhiya sub-district (upazila) could buy only 8.3 kg of rice based on a day's wage of BDT 450²⁰. This was 11 percent lower than in January 2022, when a typical day's income could buy 9.4 kg of rice. The rice purchasing power²¹ of regular day labour reflects a household's economic capacity and flexibility to choose preferred food items and the ability to spend for the non-food requirements. Generally, a lower quantity of rice bought for a day's wage indicates that the increase in the price of basic food commodities is not matched with the income levels.

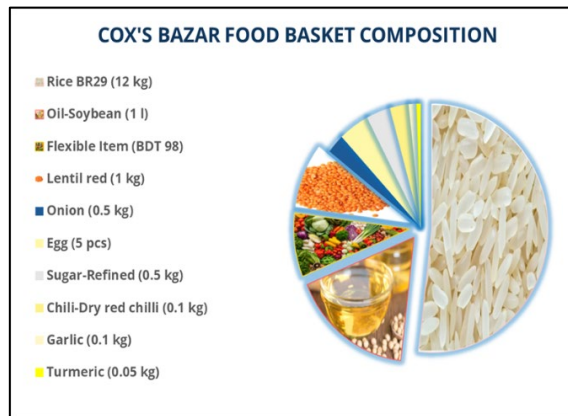


Figure 16: Composition of food basket in Cox's Bazar

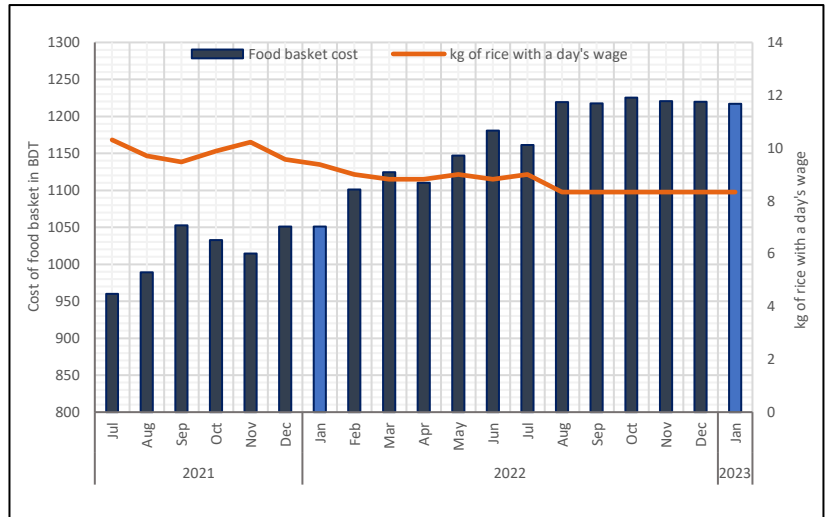


Figure 17: Cost of food basket (per person per month) and rice purchasing power in Cox's Bazar

Methodology and coverage

The WFP Market Monitor was expanded to cover the entire country, effective January 2023. National-level prices have been obtained from the Department of Agricultural Marketing (DAM), Ministry of Agriculture. Through the development of this nationwide monitor, the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics was consulted, with further collaboration in the future. For Cox's Bazar, market surveys were conducted covering three upazilas and 15 markets in Cox's Bazar District- Cox's Bazar Sadar, Ukhiya and Teknaf. Data collection was conducted during the month's second and fourth weeks. The median prices per commodity are generated after cleaning the extreme outliers. Commodity prices are then aggregated monthly at the district and sub-district levels.



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¹⁹ The food basket value was not found to vary from Ukhiya to other sub-district or overall, as a result of which the basket value of Ukhiya with the largest makeshift camp residing within was considered as the base basket value.

²⁰ The rate of wage labourers varies between BDT 400-600 according to the 2016 government wage rate policy, on an average of BDT 450 per day for the wage labourers irrespective of skilled and unskilled classification. The rate is triangulated with every month's rice price to understand the purchasing power of the consumers

²¹ The purchasing power of households is calculated by measuring the ratio of the average wage rate of unskilled labourers and the average retail price of rice to indicate the amount of rice unskilled workers can purchase with their daily wage.

ANNEX I. The retail market price in January 2023 of main commodities across different divisions and Cox's Bazar

▲ over 5% increase ▼ over 5% decrease ◀ within (±) 5% change

Divisions	Commodity	Current price (BDT)	Price Change			Commodity	Current price (BDT)	Price Change		
			1 Month (%)	6 Month (%)	1 Year (%)			1 Month (%)	6 Month (%)	1 Year (%)
National Overall	Rice Coarse	47.3	-0.6% ◀	6.5% ▲	11.0% ▲	Wheat Flour	68.1	-0.5% ◀	37.3% ▲	66.6% ▲
Dhaka		47.7	5.1%▲	5.2%▲	6.4%▲		69.2	-0.9%◀	38.6%▲	69.1%▲
Rajshahi		45.7	-0.1%◀	1.7%◀	7.2%▲		65.8	-0.3%◀	39.7%▲	73.6%▲
Barisal		47.7	0.3%◀	8.5%▲	20.6%▲		69.7	0.1%◀	36.2%▲	75.2%▲
Khulna		48.5	-2.4%◀	10.8%▲	14.2%▲		67.6	1.1%◀	39.0%▲	68.5%▲
Chattogram		51.0	-4.7%◀	11.1%▲	12.1%▲		70.1	2.0%◀	35.9%▲	61.9%▲
Sylhet		44.7	-0.3%◀	1.6%◀	9.3%▲		67.2	-0.2%◀	30.1%▲	55.4%▲
Rangpur		45.7	-1.1%◀	6.8%▲	7.8%▲		66.7	-3.1%◀	41.6%▲	63.9%▲
Cox'sBazar		41.3	0.0%◀	3.3%◀	3.3%◀		68.3	-2.4%◀	36.7%▲	64.7%▲
National Overall	Palm Oil(Loose)	123.0	-1.5% ◀	-26.2% ▼	-8.0% ▼	Red Lentil (Imported)	100.1	-0.9% ◀	-2.2% ◀	8.9% ▲
Dhaka		123.5	-1.7%◀	-16.0%▼	-7.1%▼		101.8	-1.0%◀	-3.1%◀	8.7%▲
Rajshahi		121.0	0.7%◀	-25.8%▼	-8.0%▼		99.7	0.4%◀	1.5%◀	16.7%▲
Barisal		122.2	-1.7%◀	-26.9%▼	-10.1%▼		101.4	0.9%◀	-2.9%◀	10.1%▲
Khulna		121.6	-1.0%◀	-27.7%▼	-9.2%▼		99.3	-1.2%◀	0.7%◀	6.6%▲
Chattogram		127.9	-0.1%◀	-25.3%▼	-3.9%◀		101.6	-0.8%◀	-1.4%◀	7.9%▲
Sylhet		124.9	-5.5%▼	-26.0%▼	-8.5%▼		102.4	-0.3%◀	-2.5%◀	10.7%▲
Rangpur		119.9	-1.3%◀	-25.9%▼	-8.9%▼		99.6	-0.2%◀	-2.1%◀	7.5%▲
Cox's Bazar		123.2	-1.5%◀	-23.2%▼	-12.4%▼		95.0	-5.0%▼	-6.3%▼	8.4%▲
National Overall	Potato (Holland-White)	20.2	-9.1% ▼	-24.6% ▼	22.6% ▲	Soybean Oil	172.3	-0.8% ◀	-4.0% ◀	17.8% ▲
Dhaka		24.1	-5.6%▼	-14.6%▼	30.1%▲		186.4	-0.9%◀	-2.6%◀	19.0%▲
Rajshahi		20.6	-10.9%▼	-28.8%▼	11.6%▲		170.3	-0.4%◀	-3.2%◀	18.2%▲
Barisal		16.3	-9.5%▼	-37.1%▼	10.8%▲		186.4	-1.3%◀	-4.7%◀	13.3%▲
Khulna		19.9	-9.5%▼	-25.1%▼	21.1%▲		170.3	-1.1%◀	-3.2%◀	16.6%▲
Chattogram		21.7	-12.1%▼	-20.9%▼	18.8%▲		186.4	-0.8%◀	-4.5%◀	17.1%▲
Sylhet		19.9	-9.4%▼	-26.9%▼	25.0%▲		170.3	-0.2%◀	-5.5%▼	21.3%▲
Rangpur		18.9	-2.1%◀	-19.0%▼	45.5%▲		186.4	-1.3%◀	-4.2%◀	18.9%▲
Cox's Bazar		24.7	-3.6%◀	-11.9%▼	23.3%▲		184.2	-2.4%◀	-7.9%▼	19.6%▲
National Overall	Chicken Broiler	146.3	1.4% ◀	0.7% ◀	-8.7% ▼	Egg	9.9	5.3% ▲	-1.5% ◀	15.5% ▲
Dhaka		149.8	5.2%▲	5.1%▲	-7.4%▼		10.0	6.2%▲	0.5%◀	16.9%▲
Rajshahi		146.3	1.1%◀	3.7%▲	-7.1%▼		9.6	5.7%▲	0.4%◀	14.5%▲
Barisal		0.0	-3.3%◀	-2.5%◀	-8.3%▼		9.9	6.2%▲	-4.2%◀	20.6%▲
Khulna		147.4	3.9%◀	0.8%◀	-7.9%▼		9.9	6.2%▲	-3.0%◀	17.4%▲
Chattogram		146.0	-0.7%◀	1.3%◀	-10.0%▼		10.2	5.4%▲	-0.5%◀	16.7%▲
Sylhet		144.4	1.9%◀	-1.7%◀	-7.6%▼		10.2	5.1%▲	-2.1%◀	11.8%▲
Rangpur		144.5	1.9%◀	-1.2%◀	-12.6%▼		9.4	3.1%◀	-1.5%◀	10.9%▲
Cox's Bazar		151.7	3.4%◀	-2.2%◀	-13.3%▼		10.0	11.1%▲	0.0%◀	25.0%▲
National Overall	Onion(imported)	35.3	-1.4% ◀	1.6% ◀	-6.5% ▼	Garlic(imported)	0.0	-100.0% ▼	-100.0% ▼	-100.0% ▼
Dhaka		35.9	-0.3%◀	2.7%◀	-13.6%▼		143.3	16.6%▲	11.1%▲	8.9%▲
Rajshahi		28.2	-11.5%▼	-3.9%◀	-5.2%▼		154.6	21.3%▲	20.0%▲	6.3%▲
Barisal		37.7	-1.0%◀	8.3%▲	-0.3%◀		155.0	27.6%▲	25.3%▲	5.4%▲
Khulna		36.1	-2.8%◀	3.6%◀	-7.3%▼		135.9	5.2%▲	-3.8%◀	-7.0%▼
Chattogram		41.5	2.5%◀	1.5%◀	-8.6%▼		136.2	23.1%▲	19.9%▲	7.2%▲
Sylhet		36.3	6.3%▲	1.2%◀	-3.1%◀		132.3	20.2%▲	13.6%▲	1.3%◀
Rangpur		31.3	-4.6%◀	-3.2%◀	-5.8%▼		0.0	-	-100.0%▼	-100.0%▼
Cox's Bazar		44.0	6.5%▲	3.5%◀	-2.2%◀		148.3	32.8%▲	34.8%▲	23.6%▲
National Overall	Sugar	109.9	0.1% ◀	38.0% ▲	43.3% ▲	Green Chili	88.3	106.0% ▲	-32.0% ▼	121.4% ▲
Dhaka		110.1	0.5%◀	37.7%▲	44.1%▲		86.1	96.5%▲	-36.5%▼	115.2%▲
Rajshahi		110.2	0.7%◀	38.6%▲	43.1%▲		82.3	105.3%▲	-30.8%▼	131.2%▲
Barisal		108.7	0.0%◀	36.2%▲	42.1%▲		105.2	118.9%▲	-26.0%▼	120.6%▲
Khulna		108.1	-0.9%◀	36.7%▲	40.6%▲		90.8	149.2%▲	-28.6%▼	119.9%▲
Chattogram		111.2	0.0%◀	39.0%▲	45.7%▲		91.5	82.3%▲	-33.5%▼	121.5%▲
Sylhet		110.5	0.6%◀	38.8%▲	44.2%▲		86.5	87.5%▲	-29.0%▼	107.9%▲
Rangpur		110.8	-0.1%◀	39.1%▲	43.5%▲		76.0	114.5%▲	-39.7%▼	138.9%▲
Cox's Bazar		114.3	0.3%◀	42.9%▲	46.6%▲		80.8	102.1%▲	-49.5%▼	169.4%▲
National Overall	Bottle Gourd	27.0	1.8% ◀	1.0% ◀	-0.2% ◀	Malabar Spinach	23.0	1.8% ◀	-0.1% ◀	-17.1% ▼
Dhaka		30.2	-2.3%◀	-14.2%▼	-16.1%▼		25.8	0.0%◀	-3.6%◀	-6.1%▼
Rajshahi		28.0	8.6%▲	22.6%▲	3.5%◀		25.0	2.6%◀	33.6%▲	-12.7%▼
Barisal		27.2	-16.0%▼	25.0%▲	-15.9%▼		0.0	-	-100.0%▼	-100.0%▼
Khulna		26.1	10.0%▲	0.1%◀	-0.6%◀		18.7	-5.1%▼	4.5%◀	-18.7%▼
Chattogram		25.4	-4.6%◀	-10.2%▼	-13.6%▼		23.8	-0.4%◀	-9.7%▼	-36.7%▼
Sylhet		28.1	12.4%▲	8.9%▲	37.8%▲		24.5	-3.0%◀	-13.6%▼	-26.3%▼
Rangpur		24.2	13.1%▲	-11.3%▼	33.7%▲		20.3	22.1%▲	-24.6%▼	19.3%▲
Cox'sBazar		15.2	-14.2%▼	-2.2%◀	-22.9%▼		8.0	0.0%◀	-20.0%▼	-25.0%▼

Annex 1. Retail market price in commodities across different divisions

ANNEX II. Cox's Bazar retail market price in January 2023 of main commodities across different sub-districts

▲ over 5% increase ▼ over 5% decrease ◀ within (±) 5% change

Sub-District	Commodity	Current price (BDT)	Price change			Commodity	Current price (BDT)	Price change		
			1Month (%)	6Month (%)	1Year (%)			1Month (%)	6Month (%)	1Year (%)
Overall	RiceBR29	54.2	0.3%◀	6.9%▲	12.8%▲	Soybean Oil	184.2	-2.4%◀	-5.6%▼	22.5%▲
Cox's Bazar Sadar		54.00	0.0%◀	5.9%▲	12.5%▲		185.00	-2.6%◀	-5.1%▼	22.5%▲
Teknaf		54.50	0.9%◀	6.9%▲	13.5%▲		184.50	-1.9%◀	-5.4%▼	23.0%▲
Ukhiya		54.00	0.0%◀	8.0%▲	12.5%▲		183.00	-2.7%◀	-6.2%▼	22.0%▲
Overall		95.0	-5.0%▼	-6.3%▼	8.4%▲		Onion	44.0	6.5%▲	1.5%◀
Cox's Bazar Sadar	95.00	-5.0%▼	-6.9%▼	5.6%▲	45.00	12.5%▲		5.9%▲	0.0%◀	
Teknaf	95.00	-5.0%▼	-6.9%▼	8.0%▲	45.00	7.1%▲		0.0%◀	-6.3%▼	
Ukhiya	95.00	-5.0%▼	-5.0%▼	11.8%▲	42.00	0.0%◀		-1.2%◀	-6.7%▼	
Overall	114.3	0.3%◀	42.9%▲	46.9%▲	Salt	40.0		0.0%◀	15.4%▲	25.0%▲
Cox's Bazar Sadar	115.00	2.7%◀	43.8%▲	48.4%▲		40.0	0.0%◀	15.9%▲	25.0%▲	
Teknaf	115.00	0.0%◀	43.8%▲	47.4%▲		40.0	0.0%◀	14.3%▲	25.0%▲	
Ukhiya	113.00	-1.7%◀	41.3%▲	44.9%▲		40.0	0.0%◀	15.9%▲	25.0%▲	
Overall	148.3	32.8%▲	33.8%▲	23.6%▲		LPG	1343.3	0.2%◀	7.3%▲	18.5%▲
Cox's Bazar Sadar	152.50	38.6%▲	38.6%▲	27.1%▲	1345.0		0.4%◀	7.2%▲	20.1%▲	
Teknaf	147.50	34.1%▲	34.1%▲	22.9%▲	1340.0		0.0%◀	7.2%▲	18.6%▲	
Ukhiya	145.00	26.1%▲	28.9%▲	20.8%▲	1345.0		0.4%◀	7.6%▲	17.0%▲	
Overall	151.7	3.4%◀	2.2%◀	-12.5%▼	Tilapia		171.7	0.0%◀	-6.2%▼	7.3%▲
Cox's Bazar Sadar	150.00	3.4%◀	5.3%▲	-11.8%▼		170.0	0.0%◀	-5.6%▼	6.3%▲	
Teknaf	150.00	0.0%◀	0.0%◀	-14.3%▼		175.0	0.0%◀	-7.4%▼	9.4%▲	
Ukhiya	155.00	6.9%▲	1.6%◀	-11.4%▼		170.0	0.0%◀	-5.6%▼	6.3%▲	
Overall	10.0	11.1%▲	0.0%◀	22.4%▲		Green Papaya	30.0	0.0%◀	-12.6%▼	12.5%▲
Cox's Bazar Sadar	10.00	11.1%▲	0.0%◀	25.0%▲	30.0		0.0%◀	-9.1%▼	20.0%▲	
Teknaf	10.00	11.1%▲	0.0%◀	25.0%▲	30.0		0.0%◀	-14.3%▼	0.0%◀	
Ukhiya	10.00	11.1%▲	0.0%◀	17.6%▲	30.0		0.0%◀	-14.3%▼	20.0%▲	
Overall	440.0	0.8%◀	29.4%▲	96.3%▲	Potato		24.7	-8.6%▼	-11.9%▼	23.3%▲
Cox's Bazar Sadar	440.00	1.1%◀	29.4%▲	93.4%▲		24.0	-11.1%▼	-14.3%▼	20.0%▲	
Teknaf	440.00	0.0%◀	29.4%▲	91.3%▲		25.0	-7.4%▼	-10.7%▼	25.0%▲	
Ukhiya	440.00	1.1%◀	29.4%▲	104.7%▲		25.0	-7.4%▼	-10.7%▼	25.0%▲	
Overall	80.8	102.1%▲	-50.5%▼	169.4%▲		Banana	25.3	2.7%◀	-13.6%▼	5.6%▲
Cox's Bazar Sadar	82.50	106.3%▲	-48.4%▼	175.0%▲	24.0		-7.7%▼	-25.0%▼	0.0%◀	
Teknaf	82.50	106.3%▲	-51.5%▼	175.0%▲	28.0		16.7%▲	0.0%◀	16.7%▲	
Ukhiya	77.50	93.8%▲	-51.6%▼	158.3%▲	24.0		0.0%◀	-14.3%▼	0.0%◀	
Overall	8.0	0.0%◀	-20.0%▼	-25.0%▼	Bottle Gourd(Lau)		15.2	-14.2%▼	-2.2%◀	-22.9%▼
Cox's Bazar Sadar	8.00	0.0%◀	-20.0%▼	-33.3%▼		15.0	-11.8%▼	0.0%◀	-21.1%▼	
Teknaf	8.00	0.0%◀	-20.0%▼	-20.0%▼		15.5	-13.9%▼	-3.1%◀	-22.5%▼	
Ukhiya	8.00	0.0%◀	-20.0%▼	-20.0%▼		15.0	-16.7%▼	-3.2%◀	-25.0%▼	

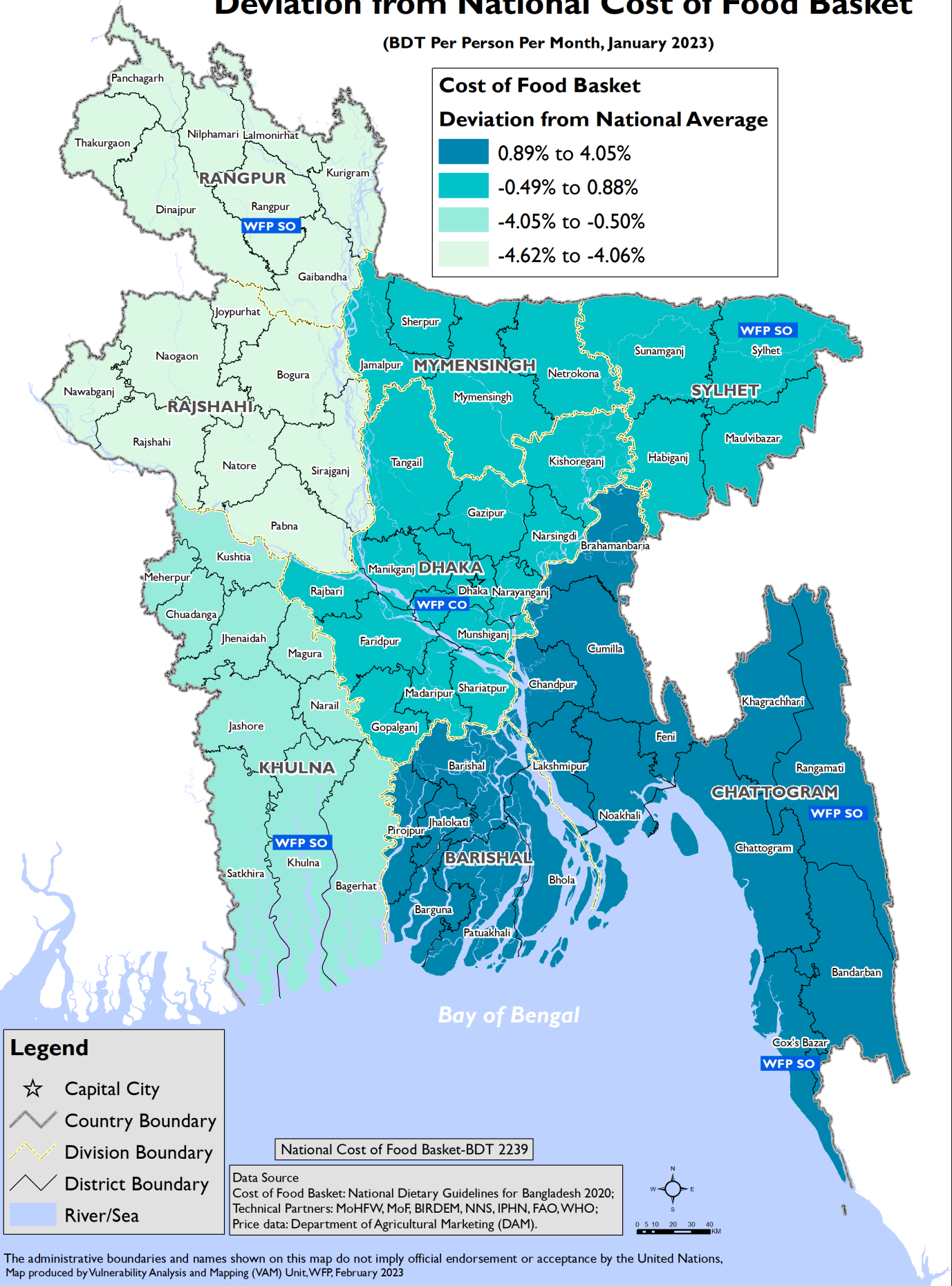
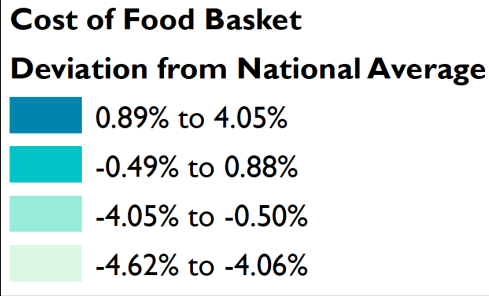
Annex1. Retail market price of main commodities in different sub-districts



Bangladesh

Deviation from National Cost of Food Basket

(BDT Per Person Per Month, January 2023)



Legend

- ☆ Capital City
- Country Boundary
- Division Boundary
- District Boundary
- River/Sea

National Cost of Food Basket-BDT 2239

Data Source
 Cost of Food Basket: National Dietary Guidelines for Bangladesh 2020;
 Technical Partners: MoHFW, MoF, BIRDEM, NNS, IPHN, FAO, WHO;
 Price data: Department of Agricultural Marketing (DAM).



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